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TAGS: EINV ETRD

SUBJ: GSP ELIGIBILITY AND TRA EXPROPRIATION CLAUSE

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1. EMBASSY KNOWS OF NO CASES WHICH WOULD RENDER BARBADOS, GRENADA, ASSOCIATED STATES OR BRITISH POSSESSIONS IN LEEWARD ISLANDS INELIGIBLE FOR GSP TREATMENT UNDER SECTIONS 502(B)(4) OR (6) OF TRA. THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL CASES IN WHICH INDIVIDUAL AMERICAN CITIZENS HAVE RUN AFOUL OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER AND HAVE BEEN THREATENED WITH PROPERTY LOSS, EXPULSION OR BOTH. SOMETIMES GOVERNMENTS HAVE AVOIDED MAKING DIRECT THREATS BUT HAVE INSTEAD RESORTED TO HARRASSING TACTICS (FREQUENT DOCUMENT CHECKS, LENGTHY TAX EVALUATION EFFORTS, ETC.) AND THESE HAVE SOMETIMES ACHIEVED DESIRED END OF HAVING FOREIGNER(S) DEPART.

2. DISPUTES IN OUR RECORDS HAVE, HOWEVER, SELDOM BEEN ENTIRELY UNCLASSIFIED

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ONE-SIDED. OCCASIONALLY FOREIGNER(S) IN QUESTION HAS BEEN IN-

VOLVED IN LOCAL POLITICS, USUALLY GETTING INTO DIFFICULTY BY BACKING WRONG HORSE IN ELECTIONS. OFTEN THERE IS LEGITIMATE FEELING THAT FOREIGNER(S) HAS NOT FULFILLED OR HAS RENEGED ON INVESTMENT OR OTHER COMMITMENTS AND THAT PROGRESS DEMANDS THAT HE BE REPLACED WITH SOMEONE MORE CAPABLE. ON AT LEAST ONE OCCASION FOREIGNER WAS INVOLVED IN ACTIVITIES WHICH REFLECTED BADLY ON US AND ON HOST COUNTRY.

3. WORK, RESIDENCE OR OTHER PERMITS CAN SOMETIMES BE REVOKED OR ALLOWED TO EXPIRE WITHOUT WHAT WE KNOW AS DUE PROCESS AND, SINCE GOVERNMENT INFLUENCE IS SOMETIMES STRONG ENOUGH TO PERVADE COURTS, IT IS OFTEN NOT ADVISABLE FOR FOREIGN INVESTOR TO SEEK REDRESS IN USUAL LEGAL CHANNELS. EMBASSY MAKES THESE FACTS KNOWN TO ALL POTENTIAL INVESTORS WHO SEEK OUR ADVICE.

4. THREE PENDING CASES TO OUR KNOWLEDGE INVOLVE INDIVIDUAL US CITIZENS RATHER THAN US FIRMS AND NONE CAN BE DESCRIBED AS EX-PROPRIATION OR NATIONALIZATION. ALL, AS FAR AS WE CAN DETERMINE, ARE BASED ON GENUINE DISPUTES IN WHICH FINAL OUTCOME WOULD BE FAR FROM CLEAR, EVEN IN US COURTS.

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